

IN THE CLAIMS

1 Please amend claim 1.

Claim 1 (Previously and Currently Amended) A tool for insertion through the coracoid process and into the glenoid vault of a scapula, comprising:

5 an elongated, hollow, rigid tube having distal and proximal ends;

said tube having a length and diameter such that its distal end may be positioned in the glenoid vault and so that its proximal end may be placed into communication with a suction mechanism;

10 an elongated sleeve which is slidably mounted on said tube; said sleeve having proximal and distal ends; and

a gasket operatively coupled to the distal end of said sleeve and positioned to be slidably coupled with said tube so that a seal is established between the distal end of said sleeve and said tube; said gasket being shaped and sized for selective sealing engagement with the coracoid process when the distal end of said tube is positioned in the glenoid vault.

15 Claim 2 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has a plurality of openings formed therein.

20 Claim 3 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has an arcuate portion.

Claim 4 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has an angular portion.

1 Claim 5 (Original) The tool of claim 1 further including a flexible obturator which may be selectively extended through said tube to clear said tube of debris.

Claim 6 (Previously Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Previously Cancelled)

5 Claim 8 (Previously Added) A tool for drawing external material into the honeycomb structure of a bone by providing negative pressure to a bone cavity, comprising:

an elongated tube having distal and proximal ends and an outer surface;

said distal end of said elongated tube being positionable within the bone cavity, and

10 said proximal end of said elongated tube being in operative communication with a suction mechanism; and

a sleeve, having proximal and distal end portions, that is slidably coupled with the outer

surface of said elongated tube; said distal end portion of said sleeve having a

15 sealing surface that can be selectively positioned to seal said bone cavity while

said suction mechanism provides negative pressure to said bone cavity to draw

the external material into the honeycomb structure of the bone.